

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 67-83.

The Examiner rejects claims 84-97, 99, and 105-118 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Blaha (U.S. 5,469,504) in view of Curtis et al. (U.S. 6,560,707) and further in view of Gawrys et al. (U.S. 5,008,930).

Applicant has amended the rejected independent claims in a manner consistent with the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicant contends that the claims are now allowable.

Applicant is not addressing the rejections of the dependent claims in light of the amendments to the rejected independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant is not conceding that the rejections are proper.

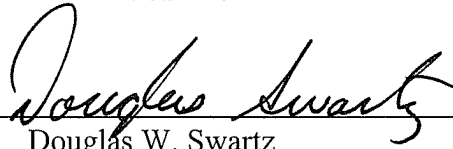
Applicant has added new dependent claims 119-121, which are allowable for reasons noted by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments to the allowed claims are done for reasons of clarity and are not related to patentability. If the Examiner disagrees, she is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss same.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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